THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. Depending on the size of the various units, the requisite medical care arrangements exist.

(b) A 24 bedded hospital is already functioning in Ordance Factory, Bolangir, Orissa.

Conservation of petroleum products in armed forces

4712. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the armed forces have taken towards conservation of petroleum products;

(b) whether with the measures undertaken by the Army for conservation of petroleum products, their consumption has indicated proportional reduction; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Armed Forces have taken a series of measures for conservation of petroleum products such as imposition of quantitative restrictions, the use of multigrade lube oils, upward revision of consumption norms in terms of more Kilometers Per Litre (KPL) of fuel oils for vehicles, the training of Army drivers to inculcate fuel efficient driving habits, the use of field kits for oil testing etc. Oil Conservation Week was also observed in Defence Establishments from February 13—19, 1995 to spread the awareness on the oil conservation.

(b) and (c) The results of the conservation measures undertaken by the Army since 1988-89 have been encouraging and the consumption of petroleum products have reduced notwithstanding the Army's extensive involvement in internal security duties resulting in additional use of the transport.

Defence Pension Bill

4713. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on defence pension bills during the past three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of pension cases in the arrears list till date with reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are escalations of the expenditure incurred on this account;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(e) how these escalations are proposed to be put down;

(f) what is the amount spent on para military forces per annum; and

(g) whether Government have any proposals and plans to curb escalations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Expenditure/Allocation on Defence Pension Bills during the past three years is as under:

1992-93 — Rs. 2312.76 crores

1993-94 — Rs. 2530.75 crores

1994-95(RE) — Rs. 2721.00 crores

(b) No arrears list of pension cases is pending.

(c) and (d) There is increase in expenditure on accout of pensions due to following reasons:

(i) Increase in number of eligible Penioners year after year.

(ii) Increase in dearness relief sanctioned by Government periodically.

(iii) Sanction of One Time Increase in Pensions w.e.f. 1.1.92 to Armed Forces Pensioners.

(e) to (g) Expenditure on pension bills is obligatory.

The entire expenditure on civil pension including Para Military Forces is booked by Ministry of Finance under one composite grant. There is no separate major,